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GENERAL THOMAS W. HYDE, BATH'S GREATEST BENEFACTOR

Sunday the Tenth Anniversary of the Death of the Founder of the Bath Iron Works.—Story of the Noble Life of This Distinguished Citizen Retold for the Benefit of Young Bathites and New Citizens

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On the fourteenth day of November, 1899, exactly ten years ago Sunday, there occurred at Portland, in the person of our Mayor, the death of the greatest benefactor to the Maine City of Ships. At that Chamberlain General Thomas W. Hyde, the revered founder of the Bath Iron Works, breathed his last.

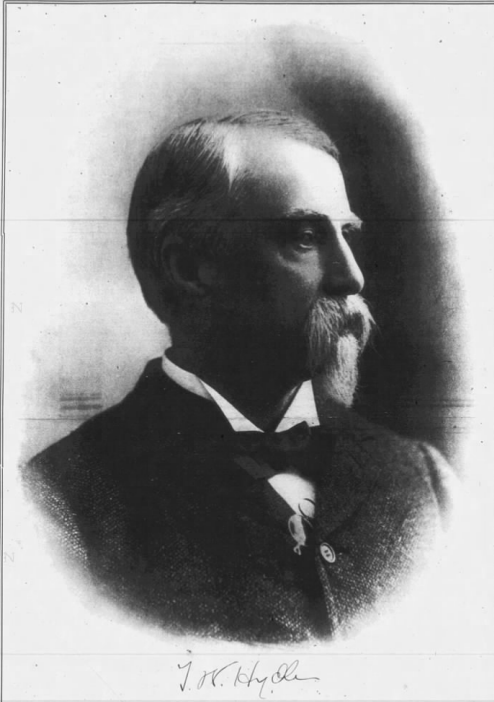
No other man was ever so deeply or so universally beloved by Bath people, nor had Bath ever owed as much to any man, for the city was to him indebted in no small measure for her material welfare at that time, if not for the very fact of her survival of the week of the foregoing mercantile disaster. Her future hung upon the permanency of his work. Out down with grief for the loss of so good and dear a friend and citizen with the profound realization that the hand which had ever been a comfort, the genial smile which was always like a benediction and the sweet and noble character which had been a constant inspiration would therefore be missing from the sphere in which they had meant so much, the people of the city were of the same one turn with anxiety but another hand might not be able to carry forward the great industry which it had required the splendid courage of the deceased to establish and his keen business sense and ability to build up, and on which the daily bread of the Bath population in no slight degree depended.

The decade which has intervened since General Hyde went to the heavenly reward which none can doubt awaited a man of so many virtues and fine deeds and so few of the imperfections to which humanity is heir, has proven the reality of the lasting influence of the establishment in the hands of a worthy son of its founder, and a thousand men engaged in building steel ships and ship machinery under the presidency of Hon. John S. Hyde perform the office of a heart for the community toward a business organization, by maintaining the circulation of money which is its vital force. Bath is busy, well to do and hopeful.

Enjoying these blessings, it is fitting that occasionally Bath friends and citizens should pause to recall the benefactor but for whom the city might almost have reverted to the condition of a deserted village, and to contemplate the splendid virtues of the man which may well be held up as an example and inspiration for the youth of the city for all time.

Richly endowed with native mental attributes, growing to manhood amid the influence of an incomparable home, provided with a well rounded education which in those days aimed at true culture and mental efficiency rather than the storage of an indefinite quantity of heterogeneous information, firm of purpose, of the Christian faith and the teachings of the Master which he carried with him always, General Hyde embodied in his everyday occupations of his hour and varied career, the noblest and truest of men, and his life and his death, and at the same time the Bath industry none should be slow to recognize as a true noble deed, and in the same time the Bath industry none should be slow to recognize as a true noble deed, and in the same time the Bath industry none should be slow to recognize as a true noble deed.

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Gen. Hyde was a strong Republican and took an active interest in the affairs of the city. He was in the city during these last one of the board of managers of twenty years of frequent dependence the Soldier House. He was an energetic, literary, or able, prior to the general abolishing of the Bath Iron Works, which he constituted about half of the staff in Congress when rapid to plot through the dark crisis of the coming upon the failure of the American Bank to perform the good deed.

was a delegate to the St. Louis Convention of 1892 and has taken part in other councils of the party. Socially, the General's genial and cordial nature endeared him to all. He was commander of the Maine Commandery of the Loyal Legion for a number of years and was a member of the Regulator Club of Bath, of which he was president for some time, and of the most prominent club of Portland, Boston and New York.


He was an active and interested member of the Church of the New Jerusalem in this city, and one of its chief contributors, sharing that distinction with his old friend, Hon. Arthur Sewall. It was Mr. Hyde's generous custom to make up whatever was lacking to pay the expenses of the Church.

Much of Gen. Hyde's relaxation was found in literature, to which he himself contributed, among other things, a charming little volume entitled, "Following the Green Cross," a narrative of his experiences during the war, which was published four or five years before his death. Such is a brief account of the life and virtues of one whose memory Bath will always cherish with feelings of the deepest affection and most profound admiration.

Brevet Brigadier General Thomas Worcester Hyde was born in Farmington, Me., January 15, 1841, the only son of Zina Hyde of this city and Eleanor Davis Hyde, and died at Hotel Chamberlain, Portland, Me., November 14, 1909. He began his education in the old Franklin school, graduated from the Bath High School in 1856, from Bowdoin College in 1860, and from Chicago University in the same year. He graduated in a Chicago regiment, which was not accepted. In Lincoln's first call for 75,000 men, and returned to Bath and organized a company in the 7th Maine which mustered at Augusta in 1861. He was immediately elected a major of the regiment and in the absence of the colonel and lieutenant colonel, took the regiment to the field. Major Hyde was soon after appointed acting inspector general of the 1st division, Army of the Potomac, and when that organization was dissolved, was recalled upon the staff of the 6th Corps by Gen. Sedgwick, as aide-camp and general marshal.

He was with Gen. Sedgwick at Gettysburg and all the battles following in which the 6th Corps was engaged and was by Sedgwick's side when the latter was killed at Spottsylvania. About this time Major Hyde was promoted to lieutenant colonel, but remained on the staff of the 6th Corps until his three years' enlistment, when he was commissioned colonel of the 1st Maine Veteran Volunteers, a regiment organized from the veterans of the 5th, 6th and 7th Maine Infantry. When he joined his regiment, he

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ELMHURST, THE BEAUTIFUL HOME OF GEN. HYDE